GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2086
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KAILASH MANSAROVAR YATRA
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some NRIs are luring Indians to undertake Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through Kathmandu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some Indians have already used this route;

(d) if so, whether the Government had given the requisite permission to such pilgrims; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a)-(e): The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra, along the traditional route across Lipulekh Pass in Pithoragarh District of Uttaranchal, is coordinated by the Ministry of External Affairs and conducted with the assistance of various Central and State Government agencies. Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN) arranges board and lodging for Yatris on the Indian side.

Some local Nepali travel agents organize tours from Kathmandu for people of all nationalities including from India to undertake Kailash Manasarovar Yatra. Government`s permission is not required for Indian citizens undertaking the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra through third countries including from Nepal.